

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
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New Parishioners

Welcome to our Parish Community! Please register at the parish office and feel free to contact anyone on our staff regarding the Parish and its activities.

First Friday Masses
7 :00 am
8:15 am (School Mass)
12:10 pm

Sanctuary /Blessed Mother Candles

May be memorialized for a sick person, a deceased loved one, or in celebration of a special intention. Please call the parish office to reserve a date.

Parish Center Rentals
Contact The Parish Office

Rev. Victor T. Martin
Pastor

Rev. Lawrence A. Larson
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

Rev. Zbigniew Zielinski
Priest in Residence

Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello
Retired-Parish Deacon

Mary Jane Edwards
Pastoral Associate

Catherine T. Lopata
Office Admin./Cemetery Mgr.

Gerrie Desio
Office Receptionist



Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement with Parish Office.

Pre Baptismal Instruction

Required prior to Baptism.

Pre-Cana

Required prior to Marriage. Arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance.

Communion Visit for the Homebound

Please call the parish office to request a visit

Jacqueline Herbert
Dir. of Religious Ed

David E. Harris
Organist/Music Director

Jo Ann Mathieson
School Principal

Jessica Nayden
Youth Minister

Robert and Jessica Nayden
RCIA Coordinator

Jean Correa
Parish Accountant
203-255-1097

Richard Miller
Parish Advisory Bd. Chair
203-259-0824

Edward Dayton
Parish Finance Bd. Chair
203-255-5141

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. and 12:10 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Mission Statement:

For St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, prayer and liturgical worship is the essence of our faith community. The Gospel message is proclaimed by word and deed, nurtured by ongoing opportunities for religious formation, evangelization, social action and worship.

Message from the Pastor

VETERAN'S DAY 2018

This weekend Americans everywhere, pause to remember all those who served our country for the Freedom that we live. This is the day to thank the many men and women who have served and are serving today in and for our country's defense.

FREEDOM has taken its toll over the years. People in our own community, family and friends have served and are serving today. To them we are most grateful.

And so, to those who have served and are serving today, we say **"Thank You"** – to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice – their lives in order that we may be free – we are totally indebted to your sacrifice.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

November 10 to November 18, 2018

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph Meeker (10th)
Sun.	7:00 am	For Our Parish Family
	9:00 am	The Ryan and Maisano Families
	10:30 am	Lawrence Gress
	12:00 Noon	Elizabeth D'Agostino (19th)
Mon.	7:00 am	Elizabeth D'Agostino
	12:10 pm	Maryann Petrone
Tues.	7:00 am	Nancy Stanco
	12:10 pm	Christopher Guerette
Wed.	7:00 am	Jillaine Furey Trodo
	12:10 pm	Margret Mulford (1st)
Thurs.	7:00 am	Stephen Coughlin
	12:10 pm	James Hocter (1st)
Fri.	7:00 am	Ida Miller (33rd)
	12:10 pm	Salvatore Casillo
Sat.	1:00 pm	Wedding
	5:00 pm	Richard P Freeburg (10th)
Sun.	7:00 am	Kathy DeBernardis
	9:00 am	Norma Primerano
	10:30 am	Gioia Riccio
	12 :00 Noon	Michael Murphy



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

- Caroline Claire Dunleavy**
- Reagan Grace Dunleavy**
- Christian James Strong**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"A soldier doesn't fight because of what is in front of him, He fights because he loves what he left behind."



Marriage Banns

III. Benjamin Wagar and Jenna Salandra

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to those who will be joined in the Sacrament of Marriage



Kristin Willer	FFLD. Fireman Jim Shiller
James McInerney	Joan McInerney
Barbara McShane	Amelia Mikulka
Maria Ines Galindo	Amanda Morguelan
Laura Terranova	Carl Collica
Annette Ham	Susan Hasiuk
Walter Murphy	Nancy Barate
Chet Greene	Tom Lopez
Charlie Capalbo	William Ceruzzi
Rebecca Scalera	Nancy Stevens
Hope McCauley	Jane Harwood
James Rooney	Hope McCauley
Luis Gonzalez	Patrick Carroll
Jill McCormack Daly	Sally Cohane
Mary Toth	Edward Schuck
Liam Crane	Joseph Mitchell
Veronica Hughes	Noreen Hernandez
Dennis Rich	Ryan Keith
Delores Weis	Kay Slovensky
John Lengen	Joseph Sciarillo
Romano DeCastro	Margaret Carroll
Ed Zera	Nancy Roche
Brendan Maguire	Ryan Kelly
Arline Rich	Steven McGuire
Isabelle Renzulli	Msgr. Stephen Digiovanni



**The Parish and Religious
Educations Offices**

Will be Closed on

Monday November 12, 2018

For the Veteran's Holiday



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DRIVE

For the needy area families and in support of food pantries in our area. Donation of canned goods and non-perishable items are most welcome!

The bulletin boards by the exists of the Church will be decorated with feathers indicating the items that are needed. Please return these items to the Parish office by Fri. Nov. 16th

Thank you for your help!!

Mark your Calendars

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday Morning November 22nd at 8:00am



Lets come together to give thanks to God

COVENANT HOUSE COLLECTION

Each year on Thanksgiving Day at our 8:00 am morning Mass, a special collection is taken up for Covenant House in NYC. This collection helps runaway teenagers to receive help with food and shelter and medical attention at Covenant House. Perhaps you will be away for Thanksgiving Day Mass but would like to give an offering to help these young people? Please place a gift in any Sunday offertory marked for this purpose or send it directly to the Parish Office.

Parish Support

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2018:	\$ 9,929.28
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017:	\$ 9,823.42
All Saints Day 2018:	\$ 1,802.00
All Saints Day 2017:	\$ 1,817.00
Capital Fund for October 2018:	\$ 850.00
Capital Fund for October 2017:	\$ 1,219.00

Thank You!



PROJECT APPALACHIA

Please know we are accepting donations at our church for Project Appalachia on Saturdays: Nov. 17th & Dec. 1st between the hours of 9-12 in our church basement.

You may also "drop off" at the church back door on the rectory side during the time of parish office hours (9-3) Monday thru Thursday. If you need a pick up for your donations, please call the parish office at 203-255-1097.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN



THIS WEEK

Josefina Fonseca

THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR



The Ryan and Maisano

OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE IS LIGHTED FOR



All those Unemployed

(Praying for job opportunities!)



DECORATE FOR THE SEASON!!!

Our 8th Grade School Students will be taking orders for Christmas Evergreens and Poinsettias at all the weekend Masses during the Month of November. Forms can also be found at <https://www.stasonline.net/> All orders must be received by Monday Nov. 26th.

Rudy's Florist and Gift shop is the supplier for this event. The sale of these items will contribute to the 8th Grade end of the year special events.

Orders must be picked up on Sat. Dec. 1st after 5:00pm Mass or Sun. Dec. 2nd 7:30am to 1:30pm in the School. Any questions please contact Maureen at 203-247-5576 or May Kate 203-512-5964.

8th Grade Class in advance Thanks You for your Support!!!



Knights of Columbus Council 2616

The Knights of Columbus on Unquowa Road have sold their building and have moved into our chapel in the Church.

The **Knights** meets every First Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm..

The **Columbiettes** meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Men and women 18 years of age are invited to join.



Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Father Coleman Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will hold their annual Christmas Party on

Sunday December 2nd at 2:00pm
St Thomas Aquinas Parish Center Gym

There will be food, and Santa to give out gifts to children and also a sing-a-long for the children. Please RSVP to Sally Savage at 203-366-4826 by Nov. 23rd and let us know if you can come.

When you RSVP please have the names and ages of the children up to age of ten (for a gift) and also how many in your group so we can have a head count to order food.

The KOC would like each family to bring a Non-perishable item and an Unwrapped toys for Sister Tremby, Daughters of the Most Precious Blood on Bpt. to be given to needy families.

Any questions please contact
Sally at 203-366-4826



“The 55+ Club” (All Tuesday Meetings Begin after 12:10 Mass)

Nov. 13th: Thanksgiving Arts and Craft

Dec. 11th: Reflection/ Christmas Luncheon/
Grab Bag and Student Sing-Along

RSVP for any of these dates to:203-255-1097



November News

Mon. Nov. 12th: **No Class– Veteran’s Day**

Wed Nov. 21-Thurs. Nov. 22: **No Class–
Thanksgiving Break**

Questions please contact Jackie at 203-255-1984
or Stthoaqccd@aol.com

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Events

Sun. Nov. 11: Middle School meeting 4-5:30pm,
High School 6-8pm

Sun. Nov.18: Food Drive Delivery Day after the
12:00 pm Mass (Middle & High & families)

Sun. Nov. 25: No meetings (Thanksgiving break)

Sun. Dec. 2: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Dec. 9: High School from 6-8pm

Sun. Dec.16: Christmas Party
(Middle & High from 4-5:30pm)

Questions? Contact Jessica Nayden at
StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com

Guild News



Mass for the deceased

members of the Guild will be celebrated on Nov. 27th, in the chapel at 6 PM followed by a short meeting. Refreshments will be served. We will be collecting items to send to Appalachia.

The **Advent Wreath sale** sponsored by the Ladies Guild is scheduled for the 1st and 2nd of December after every mass. Cost per wreath is \$20. To pre order call Bernadette.



We will be making wreaths on Saturday Dec 1st at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. Evergreens and volunteers are welcome. Coffee will be served.

Our **Christmas dinner** is scheduled for Dec.4th, at Luigi’s Family restaurant in Fairfield. Details to follow. Save the date and plan on attending.

Questions contact Bernadette at 203 254 7569.